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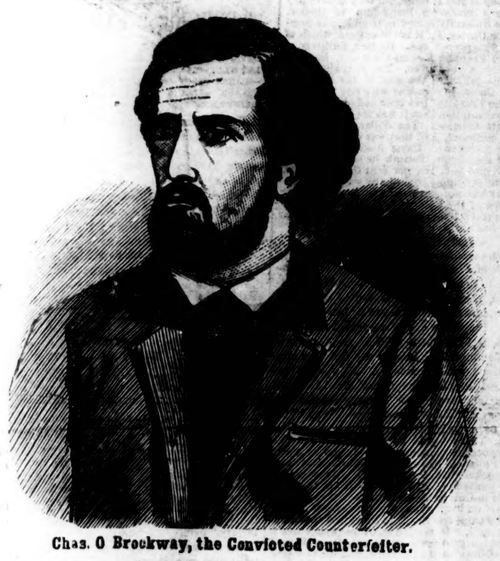

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AN EXCITING INCIDENT.

The reader will recollect the report of a most astounding murder, published in this paper in the number of February 2, 1867, under the heading of "A Husband in a Saturnalia of Murders." The principal actor in that tragedy was Mr. Chauncey F. Page, and the scene of the horrid butchery was in the vicinity of Valparaiso, Indiana. The victims of the murderer were the perpetrator's own wife and mother-in-law, whose death the felon compassed under circumstances of atrocity, with scarcely a parallel in the annals of crime. The death of a third female was also sought by the monster at the same time, but that lady, after being thrown nearly at death's door, and suffering most fearful cruelties, by a marvellous combination of favoring circumstances, finally escaped the clutches of the fiend, has recovered from her wounds and now survives to testify against the demon upon the trial for his life. The awful deed was committed on the night of the 16th of January, 1867, in the house of Page's own mother-in-law, when no males were about the house, and no person was there but the unsuspecting females, whose death the murderer so bloodily conspired to accomplish. Having finished his work of slaughter, Page set fire to the dwelling that covered his gasping victims, which burned to the ground over the charred remains of h[illegible] and mother-in-law. After he had fired the [illegible]ous bullet and piled the incendiary's torch, he fled the scene, seeking to make his escape by the shadows of the night. He did escape, making his way to Chicago, under the impression that no witness lived to verify his crime. But here was the criminal's fearful error. One witness did live, one of the victims of that carnival of blood did survive, having successfully crept from the

Dragging James Pippin from his hiding place by Lynchers at Centreville, Md.

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Brutal Murder of Mr. Shepard by the Brothers Stacey near De Soto, Ill.

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George Jones Brutally Beating his Wife at his House in Hoboken, N. J.

flames Page had kindled round her body, and been since restored to health. In Chicago, Page was arrested a few days after the murder, and returned to the authorities of Porter county, Ind., the theatre of the tragedy, where he was indicted to await his trial. All the parties to this fearful crime are of reputable social position, having hitherto enjoyed the confidence and esteem of the community. Page is a man about thirty-five years of age, and at the time of the murder, a divorce suit was pending against him at the prosecution of his wife. For other details connected with the history of the case, we must refer the reader to our February article on the subject heretofore cited. The excitement awakened by this crime may be readily conceived to be fearfully intense. Very recently the trial of the prisoner was called up at Valparaiso, but such was the feeling against the accused by the citizens of that locality, that the prisoner demanded a change of venue. This demand the court was pleased to grant, as under the circumstances it was thought that Page could not obtain a fair and impartial trial at Valparaiso. The trial was accordingly transferred to Laporte, Ind., where it was opened on the 27th ult. At three and a half o'clock P. M., of that day, the prisoner was conducted into the court-room by the sheriff. A Laporte correspondent present at the opening of the trial, speaking of the prisoner, says:

"He has not, in any respect, the appearance of a murderer. Quite the reverse is the fact. With a mild expression of countenance, a light blue eye, and a rather high forehead, he is a pleasant-featured man, and one who would never be accused of such a hideous crime, except upon proof which is expected to be developed in the trial now in progress. He depicts no anxiety, if he feels any, except an earnest attention to the proceedings, watching steadily and scrutinizing closely each juror called for the purpose of examination."

In anticipation of trouble in securing a jury competent to sit upon the case, in consequence of the widespread excitement and indignation felt concerning the murder, a special venire was issued by the Court, requiring the presence of two hundred and fifty citizens of Laporte and adjacent county. There are none there who feel any doubt concerning the guilt of the accused. Every juror called had formed an opinion, and a great many declared that evidence of innocence would not change their opinion, and that they could not do the accused justice. The whole of the afternoon was occupied in empanneling a jury.

The desired jury being secured, the trial opened in earnest on the following morning, June 28th. The court-room was filled to overflowing, the audience including a large number of ladies. After a few needful preliminaries, the trial proceeded in form, by the introduction of the testimony. But before the commencement of the testimony, Judge Bradley, counsel for the prisoner, requested that the jury might be prohibited from reading the Chicago papers, having comments on the case. Judge Osborn decided that papers should not be given them until they had been inspected by counsel.

WITNESSES EXCLUDED.

All the witnesses, except those on the stand, were ordered from the court-room during the progress of the trial. These conditions being agreed upon, Mr. T. J. Merrifield made the opening address to the jury

FOR THE PROSECUTION.

In this opening, the counsel gave a summary history of the case, characterizing its more salient features in terms of stern eloquence and indignation, and concluding his address as follows:

"In this case, there is no room for sentimentality in any man's breast. Outraged law, the blood of those slaughtered victims, call on you to do your stern duty on this trial with fearless hearts."

The prosecution then proceeded to call the witnesses against the accused, and the first witness called was

MISS FREDERIKA LUDOLPH,

the lady who effected her escape so miraculously, on the night of the murder, from the burning dwelling. This lady being sworn, testified as follows:

I reside four miles west of Valparaiso; my age is 18 years; on the 16th of January last I was at the house of Mr. Long; Mrs. Page came after me; her name was Emeline Goss before marriage; Chauncey Page was her husband; I went there; I had left home in the evening; we went to bed at 9 or a little after; we talked a while. I don't know how long; there was a knock at the door; Mrs. Page asked who was there; she received the answer, Page; she called again, and she received the answer, Page; I asked her if she knew it was him; she said it was; she asked again who was there, and he said Page; she told him she didn't receive visitors that time of night; he then burst open the door; during that time Mr. Long got up; she was standing in a piece from the door; he shot her down; when Mrs. Page saw her brother fall, she rushed out of bed, went towards them, fell upon her knees, and said, "Page, don't shoot any more, don't shoot." I heard no further talk; I didn't hear that he'd let me go, I'd never tell on him; I understood him to say he would not believe that; he then shot into the bed; I was in the bed; he then pulled me out of bed, and dragged several times; he then put me on the stairs, through my room, and through my limb; he then broke the kerosene lamp, struck a match above the burner and lighted the kerosene on the floor; he stood a while, and when the flame got pretty powerful he left him do anything, but was then alive; he took a chair and struck me on the head; he stooped down; I was breathing very hard; he struck me again with a chair across the head; he stooped down again, and I held my breath; he stooped down and threw them left; how I got out of the house I don't know; the next I remember I was between the gate and the door; the first persons I remember of seeing were Mr. Pierce and Mr. Bushore; they took me to Mr. Pierce's house; the lamp was standing on the floor; he threw it on the floor and broke it in pieces; kerosene was in it; the lamp was half turned down; he shot me once before I got out of bed; I can't tell how many times afterwards; Mrs. Long fell to the bed and screamed twice when she was shot; she said nothing; Mrs. Page fell on he shoulder, and did not scream or moan; I had been acquainted with Mr. Page since the fall of 1865; the witness here pointed out the prisoner, who was sitting among the lawyers) Mrs. Long, Mrs. Page and myself were the only persons in the house that night; Mr. Somers, a neighbor, had been there in the evening; he went away at 9 o'clock; no one was there except as three women at the time the party rapped on the door; the persons in the house were Mrs. Page and myself, Chauncey P. Page; the room was light, and I could see him plainly; when the match was touched to the kerosene, the house was all lighted, and I could see the man plainer than before; I have met Mr. Page before to-day since that night; I have seen him twice to speak to him before that night; once he was in my yard; I had been acquainted with Mrs. Page since the time I got acquainted with him; she told me she was his wife, introduced him as her husband; I knew he was her husband before that time; they did not live together since I knew them, but they did once; she went by the name of Goss before her death; she was the daughter of Mrs. Long; the house was burned down; the bodies of Mrs. Long and Mrs. Page was burned; a portion of their bodies was recovered; I did not see the remains; I saw Mrs. Page after she was shot; she was in the front room before the door.

Cross-examined—I have lived in Porter county twelve years; I lived at the place where I was then living, two years; I lived eight rods southeast of Long's; I lived at Valparaiso previous to this; we live now where we did at the time of the murder; I was born in Germany; we lived in Chicago after we came to this country; I went to school at Valparaiso two years; I never went to any other school; I went to common schools; I first saw Page in the fall of 1865, at Mr. Long's house; I had been living there two months then; I saw him two hours or more, in the evening; he did not live there then; I next saw him after Mrs. Long's house burned down; I saw him ten or fifteen minutes, and I spoke to him; I next saw him on a Sunday, shortly after, at our house this was, I think, in June, 1864. (The witness here described the house where the tragedy occurred.) Mrs. Page and myself were in bed together, and Mrs. Long in another bedroom; the door was open; Mrs. Page was lying in front of me; I was shot down, she stood a short distance from the door; it was a small house; the bedroom was just as large as the length of a bed; there was a door in the room; the table stood against the door; I saw the door; I saw Mrs. Long fall, and she said where she fell; Mrs. Page ran out towards him; he stood in the door when he shot; Mrs. Page fell before the bedroom door, in the front room; he held up the right arm and shot; he held the pistol with the left hand; her face was towards him; I had raised up on my elbow when he came to me and first; I don't know for certain whether I was wounded or not before; I was pulled out of bed; he pulled me out by one of my feet; I fell on the floor; he dragged me out; he fired again; the bullet struck me, but I didn't feel it; I don't know how many times he shot; I fainted; I was shot when I was out by the door; my clothes were bleeding; I made a bed for him in my parlor first, and then my bed; I had to cover the other until I got home; I staid in the house the night; take the lamp and throw it down in front of the burner; this was in the bedroom where I lay; I was near the bed; he was stood by the side of me; when he went to get the lamp; after he had thrown it down, there was no light; I fell on my left side; he struck a match on the bed over the burner; he struck the match after he threw down the lamp; he struck me with the match; he struck me; he struck me with one of the legs of the table; struck me on the top of the head; after he struck me, he left; he stood on the south side of my head when he put his head down to my breast; I did not notice what kind of hat he had on; he had on a black overcoat, with the collar turned up; after the first time I saw him, I did not hear Page talk; I don't know; I said I would not expect you to believe that; I was in the court room this morning before the court convened; no one touched Page out to me; I was sitting by my father; I told father that he had brought Page in, and he said he couldn't see him.

AN EXCITING INCIDENT.

After the first witness, Miss Ludolph, had testified; she was requested to proceed among the audience and point out Page, so that there might be no mistake or reference to identity. At this point a hush of expectancy and excitement pervaded the court room, while the eyes were riveted eagerly upon the parties to the scene. Miss Ludolph walked directly to the chair occupied by Page, and pointed her finger at him, and said, in a shrill voice, that could be heard all over the room, "That is the man!" The accused was visibly affected by the scene; his face crimsoned somewhat; he bowed his head, and remarked, "Yes," while a forced and unnatural smile overspread his features.

TESTIMONY OF THOMAS BUSHORE.

Thomas Bushore, sworn: I was present at the time Mr. Long's house was burned; I saw Miss Ludolph standing at the gate-post; I should think it was between 10 and 11 o'clock; she was ready and had no clothes on except a chemise; I saw the bodies after I came back from getting her home; while I was gone some of the boys knocked a plank off the side of the house, and when I came back I saw a body burning, but didn't know who it was; the house was all falling in at the side when I got back; I saw but one body; I saw the partition between the bedroom and the main part of the house; it was partly burned down; the body was in the bed-room.

TESTIMONY OF COLUMBUS PIERCE.

Columbus Pierce, sworn: I reside in Valparaiso; I was present when Mr. Long's house was burned; I saw the house on fire; saw the girl, and one of the bodies in the house; I arrived there between 10 and 11 o'clock; Miss Ludolph was standing by the gate, with no clothing on except her chemise, and covered with blood; the body I saw was in the bedroom; I did not recognise it; we took the body out; the house had been consumed; the house was burned inside when we took her out; some of the partition wall was standing at that time; we took a board about sixteen feet long, put it under the body, and drew it out; we were three-quarters of an hour in getting the body out; I was considerably excited at that time.

Cross-examined: I was at Bushore's that night; there was a dance there; a great many went to the burning house that night; it was between 10 and 11 o'clock; the gate was twenty or twenty-five feet from the house; Miss Ludolph was conscious when I saw her, and able to walk; over two-thirds of the house was burned; the bed was all burned except the posts; I could see no feet or hands on the burning body; they had burned off; I saw but one body in the building.

TESTIMONY OF MARTIN LUDOLPH.

Martin Ludolph, sworn: I got to Long's house when it was partly burned down; the house was all burned except the planks on the west and south ends; I saw the remainder of a body lying on the floor; the legs, the arms, and the head of the body were burned off; my daughter was not there when I arrived; she had been removed to Mr. Pierce's house; we carried her home on a bed.

DR. W. C. FRENEKNECHT,

the physician who was called to attend upon the wounds of Miss Ludolph, was then called by the prosecution, but the court ruled his evidence in, inasmuch as all evidence must relate to the killing of Mrs. Page. No other testimony could be received on the trial of this issue.

DR. LEATHERMAN,

the acting coroner on the murder of Mrs. Page and Mrs. Long, was then called and testified as follows: I held an inquest on the bodies in question, on the night following the murder; one of the bodies was composed of the trunk, a part of the arms, and the thighs; the other portions were gone; the trunk of the body of a female; these were sufficient remains to satisfy me that there were two bodies. In the case of the second body I could not identify the sex; there was nothing left but the bones.

The cross-examination of Dr. Leatherman elicited no new facts.

Other witnesses were called, substantially verifying the same evidence heretofore given. Among them was Mr. E. J. Jones, County Clerk of Porter county, who testified that the prisoner took out his clerk's office on the 14th of January last, two days before the murder, and speaking of the divorce suit then pending between Page and his wife, remarked that she (Mrs. Page) would never get Mr. Greene on the allegation in the complaint. Mr. Jacob Mandeville, photographist of Valparaiso, testified that on the afternoon immediately preceding the night of the murder, the prisoner inquired of the witness if his large picture was done, and appeared vexed because it was not finished.

THE DIVORCE SUIT.

The documents in the Page divorce suit were read as evidence to the jury, for the purpose of establishing a motive for the murder. The application was based on grounds of desertion, and asked for $5,000 alimony.

MR. GEORGE LONGSHORE

being sworn, testified to his acquaintance with Page and said: I saw him on the 14th and 15th of January, at my brother's hotel in Valparaiso; on the night of the 15th I saw him at 9 o'clock; he said he was going to Chicago, and started for the depot; I next saw him on the steps of the Porter county jail; he had on a suit of light-colored clothing, with a dark overcoat; he had on a heavy fur cap.

Cross-examined—He went out just as the dining-room clock was striking nine; the cars left at 9:27; he left a car of some kind; I think it was the 15th; he said he would leave them there, because he was coming back; he said he would be back Friday night or Saturday morning; this was on Tuesday.

Mr. Thos. A. B. Campbell, a citizen thoroughly conversant with distances in that country, was then called, and testified on that subject, showing the distances between different places in the vicinity, both by railroad and the common road, and also the railroad time to Chicago. The object of this was to show that the prisoner could have reached the place at which he was seen at different places. The house of Mr. Long, the prisoner's father-in-law, was a little over four miles from Valparaiso, and over six miles from Hobart station, a place on the road to Chicago, and a little over three miles from the Garden City. The most direct route from Valparaiso to Mr. Long's house would be the railroad track; the most direct route from Mr. Long's to Hobart station would be [illegible]

TESTIMONY OF MRS. VINE SPERRY.

Miss Vine Sperry sworn—I live at Valparaiso; I was living there in January last; I was at Hobart on the night of January the 15th of January; I was at Good Templar's lodge; we returned at about one o'clock; we went on the main road; we met a man about ten miles from Hobart; He was about five feet ten inches high, light-complexioned; had on light clothes, dark overcoat and fur cap; it was between one and two o'clock; he passed on the side next to me, and almost touched me; it was a moonlight night, and the snow was very deep; I am not acquainted with the defendant; I saw Mr. Long's house on fire.

Cross-examined—The horses were walking when we passed the man.

TESTIMONY OF ANNA KETCHELL.

Anna Ketchell, sworn: I reside at Valparaiso; I was at Hobart on the night of the 15th of January; we left between 12 and 1 o'clock; we met a person on the road, between Hobart and Wheeler, about half way; he had light complexion, and rather light whiskers, dark overcoat and fur cap; he passed the same side of the cutter in which I was sitting; he was traveling west; it was between 1 and 2 o'clock; I am not acquainted with the defendant; it was a moonlight night, but not very light.

Cross-examined: I saw him a quarter of a mile before he passed us.

TESTIMONY OF WALTER DE COUSSEY.

Walter De Coussey, sworn: I reside at Hobart, Lake county; on the 16th of January, at half-past 4, I was at the railroad house at Hobart; I met a man there; when a man told me of the murder, he came away; he got on the train and went to Chicago; the train got in Chicago between 6 and 7.

A witness was here introduced, Mr. A. R. Gould, who testified to seeing the prisoner when he registered his name at the City Hotel in Chicago, which strikingly corresponded with the other guilty circumstances surrounding the accused.

MORE TESTIMONY ABOUT THE PRISONER'S MOVEMENTS.

S. L. Jaques, sworn—I reside in Chicago; I am clerk of the City Hotel; on the 16th of January, I came afternoon train from the Pittsburgh and Fort Wayne depot; I was at the hotel on the night of the 15th of January; I was at the office, attending to my business until 12 o'clock at night; the name was written after 12 o'clock on the 15th; the name was not there when I left; it was there when I got back at 7 o'clock in the morning; I saw Page at about 8 o'clock in the morning; the train on the Pittsburgh road arrived about 11 at night, and the next train between 5 and 6 in the morning; Page did not occupy a room at the hotel on the night of the 15th; I gave out all the rooms that night; he did not take supper there; we always left a blank space at the bottom of the register each day; the first time Page's name was registered it was in this blank place.

TESTIMONY OF ELIAS GOSS.

Elias Goss, sworn—I am acquainted with the defendant; I reside five miles north of Valparaiso; his wife was my sister; she married Page in the spring of 1864; I believe; they were living separate at the time of her death; her name at the time of her death was Emeline C. Page.

TESTIMONY OF S. L. BARTHOLOMEW.

S. L. Bartholomew, sworn—I reside in Valparaiso; I am Sheriff of Porter county; I know Page; I overheard a conversation between him and Mr. McNeil, when he was in custody, after the murder; he said he got aboard the train at Valparaiso, got in Chicago at 12 o'clock, and went directly to the City Hotel; in the afternoon of the 16th of January he asked me what the evidence was against him; I told him it would be the girl; he asked what girl; I told him Miss Ludolph; he stated that he did not know her or her father; he said, in conversation with McNeilson, that he registered his name at the City Hotel, and went to bed; he was dressed in light overcoat clothing; he had on his overcoat when I first saw him, but he afterwards put one on; it was a heavy dark coat, but had light lining; it was a long coat; he had no cap on when I first saw him; he registered at Hobart that night.

Several other witnesses were sworn, all of whose testimony combined to weave a dreadfully net work of circumstances around the prisoner. The case was still on for the defense, and we will give the conclusion of the proceedings in our issue. We have thus far given only the evidence of the last days' trial, when the court adjourned.

APPEARANCES OF THE PRISONER.

The quiet indifference shown by the accused, on the day of his arraignment, totally disappeared before the second day closed, when the evidence against him was presented.

On that morning he appeared [illegible] and anxious; his eyes were red and [illegible] by tears of [illegible] to his conviction [illegible] As witnesses after witness [illegible] forty men and women [illegible] looked on in ill-concealed [illegible] the eye, the nerve seemed [illegible] as if the latter had the power to prevent a disastrous termination of the trial.

Brutal Outrage.

POOR THEATRE TO PEACE-MAKING—A MAN KNOCKED DOWN TWICE AT ARR, AND THE [illegible]

A Detective, Mr. [illegible] of the police force, [illegible] Wednesday morning, [illegible] Patrick Ryan, he hastened to her assistance. The drunken ruffian, seeming being both [illegible] desirous to protect the poor woman from the further violence of the infuriated brute. While endeavoring to do so in as peaceable a manner as possible, Allen [illegible]

[illegible] an axe and felled him to the floor. Blood ran [illegible] his head, this enraged the drunken brute [illegible] upon him and [illegible] his mean act. The [illegible] then endeavored to effect his escape, but was promptly arrested and placed in jail. [illegible] at the time of his arrest, the prisoner's mental condition is considered crazy; [illegible] he was in no way responsible for his conscious and inexcusable—a ghastly spectacle.

Allen's wife obtained a divorce [illegible] from the brutal husband; she bears a wife, disfigured [illegible] by her husband; the [illegible] of a drunkard [illegible] be dealt her, after knocking her down, some time last winter. When the divorce was granted, Allen went to Chicago, where he remained all winter and spring, and is supposed to have fled from that city to avoid an arrest for murder, there being strong suspicion against him of being one of the guilty parties.

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INCENDIARISM.—Attempts of an incendiary character have been very prevalent of late, and in but too many instances have been attended with an unhallowed success. The insurance companies are much exercised over the discovery of several systematic and evidently deliberate endeavors to set fire to buildings heavily insured. The object, of course, is to swindle the companies; and the nefarious undertaking is entered upon by the ruffian plotters regardless of the cost of human life which their schemes may involve. Some idea of the manner in which those wholesale attempts to plunder and incidentally murder, may be gained from the developments made in certain recent cases of arson tried in New York and other large cities. They go to show that a common way to fire a building is to pour camphene through the various stories of the building; then turn on the gas, so that it may escape into the room, a small light being left burning wherewith to ignite the emitted gas. The owner, or his confederate incendiaries, then shuts up the windows and doors, and makes his appearance in church or at the theatre—or he goes home, with a guilty conscience, presuming that he has entirely disarmed suspicion. In the course of a few hours his store—a primed magazine of combustibility—is burning in two, three or four stories, and in a very brief space of time the structure is in ruins, despite the application of steam fire engines and patent hose. But this is only one of the many expedients which swindling incendiaries resort to for the purpose of effecting their duly devised cheat.

Then again, we may refer to some developments which an official investigation has made as going to show the bold, reckless villainy of this class of offenders. Take, for instance, the late incendiary fire in Harrison street; and in that case, what does the testimony disclose? This—that tallow candles were lighted and placed among loose cotton, so as to set it on fire when the candles had burned down a little. Now, there was systematic diabolism—villainous greed for unjustly acquired gain, surmounting—casting prostrate, rather—every sense of honesty, and ignoring the murderous contingencies which the invites set involved. And this was done in a populous and business part of the city; and had not the fire been arrested timely, the destruction of property would have been immense.

The remedy for these occurrences, viewing them from a mere pecuniary stand-point, lies with the insurance companies; but then, the money interest connected with the matter is not at all the prime consideration with us. To be sure, an attempt to cheat is a gross offence; but where such an endeavor carries with it the contingency of the horrible destruction of human life, then let arson, attempted or effected, be treated as a felony, demanding capital punishment.

We regret that, in regard to the punishment of offenders of the class referred to, the law has been altered, and arson is no longer confronted by the gallows. We remember very distinctly that in 1851 the city of Utica, and, indeed, Oneida county, N. Y., generally, were the scene of nightly conflagrations. The incendiaries were ultimately arrested, and they proved to be young men more reckless than dishonest. The ringleader of them—a lad of nineteen or twenty—named Conklin, belonging to one of the most respectable and influential families of Utica, was tried on a charge of arson, convicted, and under the law as it then stood, he was executed, despite the pressure that was brought to bear unavailingly, upon the then State Executive, Hon. Horatio Seymour. That decisive example put a stop to the Utica and Oneida county incendiary operations; and we think it not at all unlikely that if the Constitutional Convention were to embody, in the organic law of the State, a proviso, that convicted willful incendiaries should suffer to the ignominious death, the public sensibilities would not be often shocked by such spectacles of scorched, roasted remnants of humanity as were to be seen after the disastrous fire, last fall, at the corner of Second avenue and Thirty-first street.

A THIRD WORD OF EXPOSTULATION.—We are indebted to Messrs. Lee & Shepard, of Boston, for a brochure entitled "Serpents in the Doves' Nest," emanating from the pen of the Rev. John Todd, D. D., an honestly out-spoken clergyman of that city. It embodies, in the form of two letters, a manfully-written and earnest exposition of the dire consequences sure to result from the practice of abortion, unfortunately so much prevailing in our midst. It is unnecessary that we should analyze Dr. Todd's statements, for the facts embodied in them are not [illegible] us. It is sufficient to say that we heartily endorse them. Our views upon this painful subject are, of course, well known far and near, as in years past, through the columns of the National Police Gazette, single-handed we have [illegible] this body and soul degrading vice, [illegible] little, if any, assistance in prosecuting the good work from the quarter whence we had the right to expect energetic help and co-operation.

For the much greater part, the pulpit has been [illegible] and culpably silent in reference to this [illegible] a prime law in the [illegible] upon the canons of good [illegible] sensibilities of humanity. To the [illegible] of the Catholic Church, it has, by its decrees and teachings, ever held this [illegible] the utmost abhorrence. There is certainly no [illegible] thing to the principles of Protestantism that [illegible] countenance or connivance at the [illegible] but unfortunately, expediency and [illegible] regard such a couple too indelicate for mention in pulpit administrations, and there are no private confessionals connected with their worship; and it is now plainly evident that many women, void of strong restraining hand to keep them from the commission of the great crime of child-murder.

In the Roman Catholic Church women are held in check by means of the confessional, by stern admonitions of mortification commensurate with the sin, and by spiritual consolation. Without our undertaking to discuss the relativity of the means that would, it is sufficient for humanity's sake that their efficacy to ensure a desired end is markedly successful.

In former articles we have shown the terrible results of abortion, and the prominent causes leading to that species of child-murder. The impelling motives are to be found in ignorance of the guiltiness of the act—in the ease with which it is committed and concealed—the unwillingness to criminate oneself of a departure from virtue, with consequent loss of reputation—in the despotic sway of extravagance and fashion, and in the fear of the sufferings attendant upon maternity.

It is a crying shame to womanhood that physicians have to testify that they are appealed to almost constantly by married women to aid them to procure an abortion, and that, in proportion to the numbers who thus appeal, and whose circumstances are alike, married women predominate vastly over the unmarried! It is shocking to think that the women of our country, for the sake of ease or fashion, should stifle the natural impulses of the mother's heart, and ruthlessly quench the immortal life in the wisdom of Providence entrusted to their charge. Truly, it is terrible that among married people there should be such a prevalence of a practice so directly at war with human society, antagonistic to the best interests of the country, to family order, and prejudicial to the health, the peace, the conscience and the moral well-being of the mother, as it is to the child created for immortality, but shut from the light of the earth by the very last hand that should be guilty of so foul an act.

We congratulate the Rev. Dr. Todd on the publication of the *brochure* above mentioned, for talking of a most painful matter in plain commonsense terms, calling things by their right names, and fearlessly taking a defined, humane and manly stand in reference to this crying sin, disregarding the trammels of all sentimentality and false delicacy, which latter influences, perhaps, have induced silence on but too many of his cloth. Though this help to the cause we have so long battled for comes late, nevertheless it is none the less welcome, and we hail the accession of the reverend doctor to the ranks of the crusaders against abortion with the heartiest satisfaction and most unfeigned sincerity, and earnestly hope that his honest example will find an imitator in every pulpit of the land.

CHOICE DRAMATIQUE.

It is pleasant to note that another great opera has been successfully produced at Paris, which will doubtless be brought out here in the coming season by Maretzek. We refer to Gounod's last work "Romeo and Juliet," which achieved almost instantaneous popularity. This composer writes for the people and the people understand and appreciate him; as to this fact, witness the success of his "Faust," the music of which is found on every piano and is ground on the street organs; it is an opera that can always, if will sung, be fallen back upon with success. Faustification and coaching Paris has been fairly carried away on surges of enthusiasm, over the swaying and delicious music of "Romeo and Juliet." At the fall of the curtain Gounod's functions are said to have been [illegible]

"After his triumph, and while still listening to the storms of applause and incessant calls for the author which rose from the house, he was surrounded by his assembled friends, his wife weeping tears of joy, and his little girl and boy clinging to him half in wonder. It was an evening to be long remembered. All Paris, elegant and artistic, was at the Théâtre-Lyrique. Nilsson was present. Patti appeared in a box from one of the boxes, and was heard to say: "I am going to learn the part of Juliet, and I shall do all I can to sing it like Madame Carvalho."

The sooner Max gets the score the better it will be for his coming series. The extract that we have given was written several weeks ago, since which time the opera has grown in favor.

The Arabs at the French Theatre, we find, will really bear to be seen a second time, though there is a very great sameness in their performances, notwithstanding that their programme has been materially altered. There are two brothers at this house who are very daring acrobats. They are not Arabs, but are still surprising and expert performers on the double flying bars, and in some of their acts cause nervous people to look away from them. We know of a good many practitioners at any number of boys in this city, whose feats are not as striking, but they are still, they are very often, and much more fable to tumble.

The Academy of Music is again given over to the "Japs," and little "All Right" is on the bills again, though still lame.

It only needs a circus at Wallack's, a dog performance at the New York, and some learned pigs at the Broadway, to give the town over to tumblers and horse-pieces, in view of the facts that the Bowery Theatre and Barnum's are devoted to the equine race, and many animals that are stuffed, even calves, can be seen at Benvard's Museum Theatre, Niblo's Garden, and, indeed, at all of them. Well there is perhaps some excuse for these departures from the usual high standard of our drama, in the patronage that is bestowed and in consideration of the season, which of late years has been given over to second, third, and, even, fourth-rate performances. The managers say, with justice, that if the people did not like the things that they presented, the people would not come to see them. This, however, does not prove that if the people had a higher and more intellectual menu placed before them they would not come to the feast. The more the newspapers talk about the purity of the stage, the more the managers and people do not appear to care the value of a cherry-stone about it. This the made truth.

On Monday night last [illegible] death, entitled "British [illegible] of the Dispatch [illegible] a sub-bank of it [illegible] for some time in [illegible] Trap to the Cuna. The latter has [illegible] but what "British Neutrality" may [illegible] under judicious alterations, we do not [illegible] to predict. Now it is sadly, and in a [illegible] farce, deficient in those qualities that go to make [illegible] performance. Here is [illegible] den (Mr. Charles [illegible]) is a [illegible] who has served under Admiral Farragut in the late war, and is one of those impossible sailors never seen on the stage; certainly never on board ship. He loves Rose (Miss Kate Newton) and [illegible] first scene opens with his marriage; the [illegible] a few [illegible] Portland [illegible] the balcony of the [illegible] There is some [illegible] and a hornpipe [illegible] (this) (very w[illegible] and comes "[illegible] drunk by [illegible] A complaint is [illegible] to get [illegible] (under Cuna [illegible]) into [illegible] to be [illegible] (Mr. [illegible]) [illegible] Rose [illegible] Cuna [illegible] Rose [illegible] Mr. Wood) [illegible] being shot. [illegible] Rose [illegible] Cuna [illegible] Rose [illegible] Cuna [illegible] Rose [illegible] Cuna

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Divorces and Charges of Adultery.

OCCASIONAL "FELICITIES" WHEN ABSENT FROM HOME.

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The Madam was a charming lady—virtuous in every sense of the word; but who can insure the affections of the charms of a female only, when a man is beset on every side by smiles and caresses? All men are not Josephs.

The parties were married in August, 1858, and for a few months lived happily together—until her suspecting the other of incontinency; and in about a year a child was born to bless their love and their Union. But while yet the mother lay upon her bed of confinement, the father proved false. The little child, which should have been to him a new tie to bind him to the family altar, only tended to estrange him; and in December of 1858, he was caught in open acts of adultery, not only with "private," but with "common" females. But for months Mrs. H. remained in blissful ignorance of the waywardness of her spouse. A year elapsed, and though her suspicions were occasionally aroused, she had no positive ground to accuse him of infidelity. He staid out late at nights; parties informed her that he habitually visited gambling houses, and she often saw him drunk; but still she could not believe him to be false as to violate the sacred vow he took at the altar, when throwing her hand, in which he promised to keep himself "unto her as her only," during life. But the time came when she could be deceived, and could deceive herself no longer. He was caught in the very base act of adultery, on more than one occasion, and the parties who made the discovery either reported to her or to her friends, and finally, the quarrels which arose regarding his conduct, culminated in a separation and in a suit for a divorce. The special charges of adultery were that he had had illicit intercourse with Emma Miller and Bell Wilson, at Madame Homan's in Race street; also with Della Wade and Lizzie Bonner at a house on Lodge street; also with a dozen others, whose names it is not necessary to mention. Of course the defendant denied these charges; according to his answer, Joseph was nowhere. Had Pharaoh's wife come to him, he would not only have run off, but would have given her a sound moral lecture in the bargain. But unfortunately the *face* were against him: there were too many parties ready to swear that his conduct was not of the kind which it should have been. The first facts proves the married life and the good character of Mrs. Hays; but this was a legal form merely, as no one ever disputed either. After this had been done, Mr. Sayler, attorney for the plaintiff, said:

"I have some depositions to offer."

"From whom?" inquired Mr. Johnson, counsel for the defendant.

"From Sallie Starr, Mrs. Conover, and others," responded Mr. Sayler.

"I object!" exclaimed Johnson.

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"Because," was the reply, "they asked that the depositions be taken between 12 and 2 o'clock in the day; I could not go to a house of ill-fame at such an hour; it would ruin me forever."

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After this Mrs Bell Wilson was called. She appeared very reluctant to testify, and said she had never slept with him but twice, and then—he didn't hurt her. What was meant by not "hurting" her, was for the Court to determine.

The next witness called was Madame Homans herself, the keeper of the house. The examination was about as follows:

Q. Have you known Mr. Hays?
A. Yes.
Q. How long?
A. Since 1864.
Q. Has he been at your house of late?
A. Yes.
Q. What was I is business?
A. He generally slept with one of my lady "boarders."
Q. What was his object?
A. I suppose the same that men generally have when they sleep with women.
Q. Do you know any special fact by which you can refresher dates?
A. Yes.
Q. What is it?
A. I remember a quarrel of his with Bertie Conover, when he refused to pay her for her night's lodging: I tried to hold Bertie responsible, and she got mad and left me. I kept a book of my "boarders," and know the dates by that.

Miss Emma Miller was first sworn, and said she had been a "fancy" for Hays for five years. She had slept with him often, and would do so again if she had a chance.

Another witness, a "boarder" at the same house, named Sallie Conover, swore she entered the room where Hays and Emma Miller were, and found them amusing themselves by chasing one another across the room—both in a state of perfect nudity.

Mr. C. Gazley swore that he had visited several houses of prostitution with Hays, but always with "the best intentions;" once or twice he (G.) had remained all night in the house, just "to accommodate" Hays, but he (G.) always slept alone; he was a virtuous man, he said.

Late last fall, Mrs. Hays was taken with the cholera, but her husband was not at home. Several of the neighbors were dispatched after him, and finally he was found at a faro table, where he had just lost $10,000.

The next question was as to whether his wife had ever had any intercourse with her husband, after he had been discovered to be an adulterer; but it was shown that she had discarded him the moment his infidelity had become known, and there the matter rested for the day. On the following morning the case was continued, when Miss Bertie Conover was called, and she had a sad story to tell about it.

Q. Well, tell us all about it.
A. I wouldn't like to do that.
Q. I mean had he carnal, illegitimate intercourse with you?
A. I always regarded everything as legitimate, *q'he said.*
Q. Did he always pay?
A. No.

Well, I let the Court [illegible] about his shinnanigans.

Well, I [illegible] one night, and I threw a shoe at him; it struck him on the back of the shoulders, and he leaved like a cat; I thought he was dead.

Then he slept with you and refused to pay for his lodging?

A. Yes, and on the following day I left Madame Hormans. That is how I knew his case.

The remaining questions related to the custody of the children, and in the case was finally left for decision till next week, when, of course, a divorce will be granted. Hays is a gambler, a villain, and a scoundrel; his wife is a virtuous and honorable lady, and moves in the most respectable society.

OTHER DIVORCES.

Martha Crowly sued her husband Albert for a divorce, on the ground of "gross neglect of duty and impotency." After the hearing of the testimony, it was rendered satisfactory to the Court that a man who procured a marriage, without performing "family duties" for months, had neglected his responsibilities, and the divorce was granted.

Eliza Fritz complained that her husband had left her for over three years, and that she couldn't "schleep mit out a man no longer." Divorce granted.

Charles Jones, a Welshman, appeared, and said his Anna had disappeared, and had not been heard from for three years; he wanted to marry again. The Ohio Court granted him a divorce, and the privilege of selecting another spouse. The "other one" was on hand, and the two walked down stairs, and were married in an hour afterwards.

NEWSPAPER WOMAN IN TROUBLE.

Another divorce came up, in which Mrs. Gryden, formerly Mrs. Greeley Curtis, formerly Miss Brown, was a plaintiff. Mr. Brown, her father, was one of the oldest printers in the city, and was connected with the *Gazette* in the early part of this century. In 1814 he went to New Orleans, when General Jackson was preparing to defend that place, and, like all others, he was impressed into the service. Mr. Brown, whose patriotism exceeded his courage, went to the General, and asked to be excused. He was a patriot, it was true; he thought that every one should be called on to defend his country; but he (Brown) was very deaf.

"General," said he, "I am so deaf, that if you were to order me to retreat, I might make a mistake, and charge bayonets."

The general's sympathies were aroused, and he said, in a very low tone, "Mr. Brown, you are excused."

"Thank you, sir," said Brown.

The general raised his eyes, and remarked in no very mild tones: "If you could hear that, Mr. Brown, by the Eternal, you could have any command I'd give; and don't be afraid I'll tell you to retreat. Orderly, take that man to the front."

But to return to his daughter. She married Greely Curtis, who established the *Commercial*, and on his death her interest is purchased by the late lamented Mr. Potter, and she retired on a moderate fortune, and married again; her second husband was Mr. Gryden. I am not familiar with her story for the last few years, and as I did not hear the trial, I give the following as the official report:

The witnesses for the plaintiff told of various little acts of neglect on the part of the husband, such as refusing to go in the rain for the milk, refusing to bring home the cow-feed, refusing to chop the wood, and to do such other little chores as a good husband ought to do for a delicate wife. It was also stated that when he had money he refused to apply it to the support of his family. Nothing immoral or abusive is charged to the defendant's account.

Mr. Brown, a brother of the plaintiff, was asked, on cross-examination, how the defendant and plaintiff compared as to extravagance. The witness said the defendant could not exactly be called extravagant, but he was a poor manager.

Judge Whitman asked if he had ever spent much money in fencing lawyers. Witness thought he had.

Judge Whitman said he would submit to the court whether extravagance in feeing lawyers was not a just ground for divorce.

The case is still in progress, and the divorce will, doubtless, be granted. VIATOR.

ST. LOUIS.

A NOTORIOUS PRIZE FIGHTER FATALLY STABBED.

HOW IT WAS EFFECTED.

BUFFERS ON THE LEVEE.

A NEW POLICE REGULATION.

St. Louis Annexed to Holland.

ST. LOUIS, June 29, 1867.

Jack Looney, whose name figured in my letter two weeks ago, as the proprietor of a notorious dance-house on Green street, has probably given the last ball that will ever take place under his immediate supervision. An affair occurred on the morning of the 27th, resulting in injuries to the party aforesaid, his recovery from which can be little less than miraculous. The particulars are as follows:

Looney has a brother in town who has a reputation by no means enviable among the lowest buffers. He came here a few weeks ago from New York, and seems to have planned himself to Jack, on account of the latter's means, as he does nothing and has not even the ability requisite for a resource man. On the 25th, a difficulty occurred between this Looney and a party of men, among whom was Mark Rockwell, an ex-policeman of New Orleans, but now a notorious and worthless character. On the morning of the 27th, Looney left his dance-house on Green street to go home, corner of Fifteenth and Morgan streets. In passing the "shebang" of Maggie Cooper, the headquarters of the film of indecent society, he was met by a man named Mike Scully, who invited him in to take a drink. The pair went in and while standing at the bar, Rockwell entered from the rear of the building. Scully remarked, tantalizingly,

"Looney, there's the man that whipped your brother."

"Well," said the old fighter, "what have I to do with that? My brother must fight his own battles."

"Yes, and he says he can lick you too," continued Scully.

Here Looney began to see the point, and he observed,

"The man who puts up his hands against me must never do it in fun."

Whereupon Rockwell approached him in a menacing manner, when Looney said:

"Gentlemen, I see this is a put-up job on me; make the best of it."

With that he struck Rockwell on the "sang" and sent him reeling to the wall. Scully grabbed his champion and shoved him on Looney again, when he (Rockwell) drew a small dirk-dagger, or stiletto, and plunged the blade into the breast of his antagonist. The first stroke inflicted a deep and dangerous wound in Looney's breast, in the immediate vicinity of the heart. The second blow the wounded man endeavored to ward off with his arm, when, catching the weapon on his wrist, and by an unfortunate turn, he had every vein, artery and tendon of the right arm severed, leaving his hand barely suspended by the cartilages. Another wound is inflicted in the abdomen, seems to have been done with a different kind of knife, from which it is inferred that Scully also stabbed him.

An instant after the affray, a young man, or rather a mere boy, was seen running out at the door of the saloon.

"Where are you going?" asked some one whom he cannot identify.

"Going for a doctor," replied the youth.

"Take that, then—you," and he turned a somersault, from which he recovered with a pair of black eyes.

These are the true particulars as nearly as they can be obtained from witnesses of the affair.

But little hope is expressed by Looney's physicians of his recovery. The excessive hot weather is the most formidable of the wound in the thorax, and fears are entertained that mortification will ensue. If he recovers it will be more on account of the use of his right arm.

Rockwell is in custody, and he claims to have acted in self-defense. He is well known to be a desperate character, and he is generally believed to be the author of the following:

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We also understood that other parties have been notified that they will share the same fate unless they leave the country immediately.

CINCINNATI.

MATRIMONIAL INFELICITIES.

Divorces and Charges of Adultery.

OCCASIONAL "FELICITIES" WHEN ABSENT FROM HOME.

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Divorces have been the sensation of the week, in this extremely moral section of Elobim's heritage. Nearly a dozen have been brought before the courts in nail as many days, and next week other ben-pecked husbands and amused wives will appeals the law to relieve them from the "voluntary bonds," which, for a while, fell so lightly upon them, but which subsequently became fetters which galled their every limb, and well nigh drove them mad.

THE FIRST AND CHIEF CASE.

The first case, and the only one in which the public felt any great interest, was that in which Mary C. Hays sued for a severance from her liege lord, Calvin Hays. Calvin was well known in this community; a few years since he was the chief man of a heavy wholesale house, and one of the most "elegant gentlemen who graced Cincinnati society. He was a perfect "love of a man"—one who was always welcome to the society of ladies; and many a virtuous lass allowed him, married man that he was, to impinge a kiss upon her cheek, "just for sport," and perhaps occasionally rather regretted that Hays had been placed, by the gas, beyond her loving smiles. I do not say that they sometimes wished Mrs. Hays dead; nor do I know that they would have gladly seen Brigham Young Patriarch of the State of Ohio and the institution of polygamy legalized; that would be too much perhaps; I cannot fathom their thoughts; I only record their acts.

The Madam was a charming lady—virtuous in every sense of the word; but who can insure the affections of the charms of a female only, when a man is beset on every side by smiles and graces? All men are not Joseph.

The parties were married in August, 1854, and for a few months lived happily together—neither suspecting the other of incontinency—until a child was born to bless their loves and their Union. But while yet the mother lay upon her bed of confinement, the father proved false. The little babe, which should have been to him a new tie to bind him to the family altar, only tended to estrange him; and in December of 1866, he was caught in open acts of adultery, not only with "paragons," but with "common" females. But for months Mrs. H. remained in blissful ignorance of the warm embraces of her spouse.

A year elapsed, and though her suspicions were constantly aroused, she had no positive ground to accuse him of infidelity. He staid out late at nights; parties informed her that he habitually visited gambling houses, and she often saw him drunk. But while she could not believe him false as to violate the sacred vow he took at the altar, when charging her head, in which he promised to keep himself "unto her, and her only, during life. But the time came when she could be deceived, and could deceive herself no longer. He was caught in the very base act of adultery, on more than one occasion, and the parties who made the discovery either reported to her or to her friends, and finally, the quarrels which arose regarding his conduct, culminated in a separation and a suit for a divorce. The special charges of adultery were; that he had had illicit intercourse with Emma Miller and Bell Wilson, at Madame Hoaxe's in Race street; also with Delia Wade and Lizzie Bonner, at a house on Lodge street; also with a dozen others, whose names it is not necessary to mention. Of course the defendant denied these charges; according to his answer, Joseph was positive. Had Pharaoh's wife come to him, he would not only have run off, but would have given her a sound moral lecture in the bargain. But unfortunately the facts were against him; there were too many persons ready to swear that his conduct was not of the kind which it should have been. The first facts proven were the marriage and the good character of Mrs. Hays; but this was a legal form merely, as no one ever disputed either. After this had been done, Mr. Sayler, attorney for the plaintiff, said:

"I have some depositions to offer."

"From whom?" inquired Mr. Johnson, counsel for the defendant.

"From Sallie Starr, Mrs. Conover, and others," responded Mr. Sayler.

"I object!" exclaimed Johnson.

"Why, asked Mr. Sayler.

"Because, you know the reason; they asked that the depositions be taken between 12 and 2 o'clock in the day; I could not go to a house of ill-fame at such an hour; it would ruin me forever."

"How would from 10 to 2 o'clock do? asked Mr Sayler.

This was a poser, and the depositions were read and accepted as evidence.

After this Mrs. Bell Wilson was called. She appeared very reluctant to testify, and said she had never slept with him but twice, and then—he didn't hurt her. What was meant by not hurting her, was for the Court to determine.

The next witness called was Madame Homans herself, the keeper of the house. The examination was about as follows:

Q. Have you known Mr. Hays?

A. Yes.

Q. How long?

A. Since 1864.

Q. Has he been at your house often?

A. Yes.

Q. What was his business?

A. He generally slept with one of my lady "boarders."

Q. What was his object?

A. I suppose the same that men generally have when they sleep with women.

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A. Yes.

Q. What is it?

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TRIAL, CONVICTION AND SENTENCE OF THE PRISONERS.

SINGULAR SCENES IN COURT.

A case presenting as many strange features as a complete medley—a criminal *melange*—as was ever presented in a court of justice—was tried a few days ago in the United States Circuit Court before Judge Shipman and a jury. It was a case of counterfeiting. But it is not on a charge of counterfeiting that there is anything very remarkable. It is in the surroundings of this case that its extraordinary nature lies.

A person, named Charles O. Brockway, formerly employed by Colonel Wood, Chief of the United States Detective Service, was charged with creating and carrying on a wholesale manufactory of counterfeiting fifty cent pieces of United States postal currency. The execution of these stamps was so perfect as to defy the detection of their being base except by a clever expert. The manufacture of this article was carried on so expertly and so rapidly that in a few months there would have been a million of dollars worth thrown out on the public, and this prince of counterfeiters might have retired with the fortune of a millionaire. This, however, was nipped in the bud; but by what agency the work was discovered did not appear on the trial.

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A change, however, seems to have come "o'er the spirit" of Colonel Wood's mind, and he had the honest official Brockway arrested; for what precise reason is just as inexplicable and mysterious as the reason for retaining him after the discovery of his gigantic counterfeiting operations. This was in January last, since which period he has been held in custody.

Arrested by Wood, or Wood's detectives, and a prosecution instituted by the United States District Attorney, Mr. Courtney, the extraordinary spectacle was presented on this trial, of Colonel Wood, the chief detective officer of the United States, sitting close to the prisoner, and suggesting to his counsel questions intended to defeat the prosecution!

There may be an *imperium in imperio*, or, to speak more in the vernacular, wheels within wheels; but, so far as careful inquiry could throw light on the subject, Marshal Murray or his immediate subordinates cannot be regarded as participants in the affair while the honest indignation, the withering sarcasm of Mr. Courtney in describing the anomaly of an officer of the United States sitting by a counterfeiter in a court of justice and trying by every means in his power to defeat a prosecution instituted in the interest of the United States and the public by the properly constituted officer of the United States Government, shows clearly that Mr. Courtney, or his department, is utterly irresponsible for this most extraordinary scene.

THE CASE IN COURT—THE PRISONER'S APPEARANCE.

Brockway, as he appeared in Court, seemed to be made a cool spectator of the entire proceedings. He is certainly a man of keen instinct, able, observant and self-possessed. He is tall, pale-faced, dark-haired, and has a cool, cold, calculating, heavy-to-a-crime expression in his facial organism—a mouth firm and compact, and an eye dark and meditative, but sometimes flashing fire. If the consciousness of his guilt be the face, or, it might be, the sinister traits of his mind be conveyed out on the whole, he cannot indicate a decision of character, combined with a gentlemanly exterior, both in look and manner, not often met with in persons placed in the situation which he occupied. His wife, a lady of neat dress, sat beside him. In his vicinity sat his able counsel, ex-Recorder Smith, ex-Judge Stuart and William F. Howe, Esq., while opposite him sat the man that formerly employed him in the detective service—continued him in the detective service after having been detected in the crime for which he has been prosecuted and convicted, and suggesting questions to his counsel with a zeal which was not outdone by the professional gentlemen employed to defend him.

The counsel for the prosecution were United States District Attorney Courtney, with his associate, Assistant District Attorney Mr. Joseph Bell.

The Court was crowded with ladies and gentlemen, including several members of the bar. Marshal Murray was a conspicuous object there, while his clever and ubiquitous assistant and deputy, Mr. Newcomb, attracted no slight attention. Occupying a back seat sat an elderly man, aged some seventy years, named Atkinson, grey-haired and worn, who was the chief agent of the prisoner, having with others engraved the plates from which the counterfeits were printed. Beside Atkinson sat a tall, intelligent, care-wish-looking woman—his wife—of only some twenty-five years of age, who was the principal witness against the prisoner.

On the table, near the prosecuting counsel, lay a formidable-looking pile of fifty cent pieces, which were scanned by many curious eyes, who declared they would not hesitate to accept them as genuine.

OPENING THE CASE.

Mr. Bell, in opening the case for the United States, said that it was not often that the Government was fortunate enough to get hold of the principals in the nefarious business of counterfeiting; but in this case the prosecution had would be able to prove that Brockway was the ringleader in one of the most extensive counterfeiting establishments ever set on foot in this country. He procured the engaving of a complete set of plates for counterfeiting the fifty cent fractional currency, superintended the printing of the same, and was the prime mover and principal actor in the scheme to defraud the Government. The business was carried on at Mount Vernon, Westchester county, N. Y., in a house owned by the prisoner, or his wife. Brockway was arrested at this place by detective officer Savage in November last, and the counterfeiting apparatus, printing press, etc., together with a large quantity of the counterfeit money, were found on the premesis.

A TESTIMONY FOR THE PROSECUTION.

John R. Savage was then placed on the stand, and examined by Mr. Courtney. He stated that he was a private detective in this city; that on the 14th of November last, between twelve and one o'clock, he, together with two men named Hickey and Clark, went to the prisoner's house, at Mount Vernon, and rung the bell; the door was opened by Mrs. Atkinson; after inquiring for Mr. Wilson, and being told by Mrs. Atkinson that no such person lived there, the party pushed the door back and entered the house; as they entered Mrs. Atkinson cried out, in a loud voice, "They are coming;" proceeding up stairs, they burst open a door and found the prisoner standing in a passage-way leading to a front room; he had in his hand a pair of shears and one of the fractional notes, which he immediately dropped and ran into the front room and jumped out of the window and escaped; Mr. Atkinson and a boy named Clogson were found in the house and taken into custody; a printing press, paper, inks of various colors, and fractional currency in different stages of manufacture, were also found in the house. The attic floor of the house was found covered with fractional currency, some of it complete and some in an unfinished state; in the hall-bedroom on the second floor was found a trunk containing several reams of blank paper of the same description as that used in the currency found there; when the prisoner jumped out of the window he had a hat on, but no coat; the hat was found in some bushes into which he jumped from the window; and his coat was found hanging up in a room in the house; the next day after the things were seized they were all taken to the United States Marshal's office.

This witness was severely cross-examined by ex-Recorder Smith, showing his life to have been a truly chequered one. He found on the person of Atkinson $832 of good money, which he counted and returned to him; it was handed to Hickey by Atkinson; I received $200 from Hickey that night; they agreed to give me $400 to break the place up; the agreement was made with Hickey; think there was a $500 note among the money taken from Atkinson; they did not tell me why they wished the establishment broken up; there was nothing said about there being a large amount of good money on the premises, and no arrangement that this money should be divided between us; don't think I told Col. Wood I could not identify Brockway; don't recollect telling Colonel Wood that Brockway had run away with the plates from which the currency was printed; supposed at the time that the plates were in the trunk with the other articles, but afterward ascertained that Hickey and Clark had got them.

Margaret Atkinson, wife of Jonas Atkinson, testified to the prisoner having come to her residence in September, 1866, and told her husband he would give him $150 if he would engrave the plate; it would be a fifty cent plate. He was there some twenty minutes; came again a few days afterward; heard him ask her husband how he was getting along with the plate; he showed him the plate, and he said it looked well; he continued to come as often as once a week to look at the plate; her husband was at work on it about six weeks. Some of the work on the plates was done by a man named Reason; he did the head of Spinner; Brockway furnished the money to pay Reason; during Brockway's visits he said he was going to buy a house in Mount Vernon, and her husband could go there and work; Brockway lived at 146 Mercer street; her husband worked at the printing of the currency and Brockway put on the bronze; they had a boy named Clogston to turn the press; there were only these three there; they all continued to work at the business until they were arrested; they were at work when the men came there to arrest them; her husband was printing, the boy was turning the press, and Brockway was putting on the bronze; when the detectives rushed into the house I hallooed, "They are coming;" did not see Brockway after the detectives entered the house; about the 18th of December last Brockway came to their house, and asked her if she thought she would do her husband any good by swearing against him.

This witness was cross-examined by ex-Judge Smith. She was married at Hunter's Point. Her husband was not arrested for counterfeiting while they lived at Yonkers; never saw Brockway take away any of the counterfeit currency except once, when he put one of the fifty cent pieces in his pocket. Her husband had done other work besides engraving fifty cent counterfeit plates; she is twenty-six years of age; her husband is probably sixty-five years of age.

Other witnesses were examined to show the nature of the business carried on by the prisoner.

Marshal Murray testified for the Government: Know John R. Savage, the first witness for the Government, also know the prisoner, Charles O. Brockway; on the 15th of November last, Savage brought to my house two prisoners, named Athmoin and Clogan, together with a trunk containing the articles seized at Mount Vernon, the same that are now in Court; four or five days afterward Brockway was brought to my office in charge of one of Mr. Wood's men as a prisoner; he was not delivered into my custody, and I had no conversation with him at that time; he was at my office almost every day for two or three weeks afterward; one day he stated to me that I had a hat and coat belonging to him; I told him I had a hat and coat (they were in the trunk brought to my office,) and asked him how it belonged to him; he said he left it at Mount Vernon when he turned his place over to the other; I showed him the hat and coat, and he said they were his, and I gave them to him; on another occasion I took out of my safe a basket containing some of the finished and unfinished currency signed at Mount Vernon, when Brockway came for it; "There is some of my work and it is the best thing of the kind that was ever got up;" that it was a shame that they interfered with him, for he would have had all the money he wanted in three or four months.

Cross-examined: If you had not known that Brockway was in the employ of Col. Wood, he never would have got out of your office after making that admission, would he? A. Well, I don't know about that; there have been some very queer things in my office with regard to these counterfeiters; had this been a case that was exclusively under my management he never would have got out of my office.

THE DEFENCE.

The prosecution having rested, ex-Recorder Smith called Col. William P. Wood, who said he was chief of the Secret Service Division under the Solicitor of the Treasury; first made the acquaintance of Brockway about two years ago; had known him for some time by reputation. He has never acted directly under me, but he has acted as assistant to an appointed officer of the Secret Service Division; he commenced acting January 1, 1867; he was employed by Mr. Newcomb, by my authority; he acted as an assistant to Newcomb up to the time of his arrest, about two months ago; I knew of the charge against Brockway at the time I authorized Newcomb to employ him; I was authorized to employ such persons as Brockway to aid in ferreting out counterfeiters; I employed Brockway at the request of Mr. Newcomb; I procured the present arrest of Brockway.

THE SUMMING UP.

Ex-Recorder Smith summed up for the defence in a very able and exhaustive address. He spoke of the extraordinary surroundings of this case. Here was a party indicted who had been in the service of the Government and a companion of one of its chief officers for five months, and was then arrested at the instigation of Col. Wood himself, who had appointed him. All the facts about the Mount Vernon crime, for which he is now being tried, were fully known to the Government officers before Brockway was appointed, and the inference was irresistible that his present arrest arose from other causes, and was done for other objects than to punish him for the Mount Vernon offence. Col. Wood's motive in procuring the arrest of Brockway was to bring out on his trial the rascality of certain subordinates in the employ of the Government; but the motive that instigated the present prosecution for the Mount Vernon offence was to get Brockway out of the way, to seal his lips, so that the misconduct of these subordinates should not be exposed. These were the influences that surrounded this prosecution. So far as the District Attorney and the law officers of the Government were concerned, their only desire in this, as in other cases, was that the guilty should be punished; but it was altogether different with the witnesses and those who had been active in "getting up" this case against Brockway. He claimed that the Government was bound by every principle of honor to refrain from prosecuting a man for an offence, after having taken him into its employ, with the full knowledge that the offence had been committed.

Mr. Courtney in reply summed up, and one of the most closely logical, and persuasively eloquent arguments addressed to a jury for some time, he reviewed the points of his learned opponent, and traversed the ground of the entire trial in a brilliant speech. He agreed with his learned opponent that there were some extraordinary circumstances surrounding this case; there had been at least one very extraordinary proceeding during this trial. He was willing to accord honest and reasonable motives to his advice; but it was certainly a very extraordinary spectacle to see that gentleman sitting by the counsel for the defence, suggesting and propounding questions with a view, as he had a right to conclude, to break down this prosecution and induce the jury to acquit the prisoner. If Col. Wood had any quarrel with his fellow-officers in the Government employ, there was a proper place to carry on that quarrel; if any of his subordinates had been guilty of malfeasance, and he would bring the evidence to him (the District Attorney,) he would promptly take measures to prosecute them for the offence; but no good object could be gained, and no interests of the Government promoted by coming here and attempting to shield a notorious counterfeiter on trial in one of the Government Courts. Who gave Col. Wood—who gave Marshal Murray—who gave Newcomb, or any other Government official—authority to discharge the prisoner Brockway when he was first arrested for the crime? It seems that he was arrested, but no evidence had been given to show how he got released. All we know was that he next turns up as a detective officer in the employ of the Government—this deep-dyed criminal and expert counterfeiter, steeped to the eyes in crime, is taken into the employ of the great and powerful Government of the United States to help detect counterfeiters. He briefly called the attention of the jury to the leading points in the testimony, and argued that the proof of the guilt of the prisoner was conclusive.

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Another Phase of the Greendycke Divorce Case.

THE FAIR PLAINTIFF CAUGHT IN AN AMOUR WITH A PROMINENT CHICAGO MERCHANT — NOCTURNAL SCENES IN A FASHIONABLE BOARDING HOUSE.

In the NATIONAL POLICE GAZETTE, we published a full account of the most recent *cause celebre*, agitating the currents of ever varying social life, in Chicago. We refer to the highly exciting case of the Groendycke, in which the wife proceeding up for a divorce, on the ground of adultery, cruelty and habitual inebriety. On the 14th ult., after an extended trial, the jury found for the plaintiff, apparently to the surprise of the community: but still further developments were soon to transpire, and we gather these, to have been as follows: The sequel to this notorious case opens on the night of Saturday, the 22d ult. At the hour when "church yards yawn," the indomitable Mrs. Groendycke was arrested at her residence, and under these circumstances, viz:

She was surprised as effectually as was her husband on that fatal night, when he was found in the room and in the bed with Ella Boylston, his servant girl. Mrs. G., since the dissolution of her marital ties, has been keeping a fashionable boarding house at No. 295 Michigan street, near Pine street.

The sympathy excited by the husband's cruelty, gathered in her house a number of respectable young men, desirous of enlarging the widow's mite by their patronage. During the progress of the suit, these young men comforted her, and, by an extension of sympathy and support, enabled her to prosecute her designs successfully. The fair plaintiff had winning ways, and in her smiles was ample repayment. When the decision of the court was pronounced in her favor, there was a sound of revelry in the mansion of the single-married woman, and she was the fortunate recipient of her boarders' congratulations. Since the termination of the suit, there has been peace and happiness in the house. The young men have eaten their meals and retired regularly, and Mrs. Groendycke presided with suavity and grace over the festive board of her fashionable domicil. But beneath all this happiness there was a skeleton, and veiled in the future was a cloud which would soon descend and enshroud the fair widow in gloomy pall. Saturday night it did descend, with crushing force; and, besides enveloping Mrs. Groendycke in its dismal folds, it consigned her to the armory cells. It happened in this wise: For a long time a gentleman by the name of George Warner, well-known on 'Change, and largely identified with shipping interests, has been a clandestine visitor to Mrs. Groendycke's house, unknown to the boarders. This fact coming to the knowledge of Mr. Groendycke, that gentleman, laboring under the smart caused by the decision in his wife's favor, determined to have satisfaction for her expose of his doings during wedlock. Knowing there was something wrong, and cognizant of certain circumstances in the intimacy of Warner and the ex-Mrs. Groendycke, he obtained a state warrant for the apprehension of the couple, on the charge of fornication and adultery. The warrant was placed in the hands of Sergeant Gerbing, of the North division, and on Saturday evening, with a posse of officers, he made a descent upon the house. It was done stealthily; the officers knew their birds were within, billing and cooing. Warner was seen to enter the gate in the rear of the house; all that was now wanting was the opportunity. As the clock struck 12, the rear of the house was opened, the policemen entered in stocking feet, solicitous lest they should disturb the sleeping couple; they tapped gently on the bedroom door of Mrs. Groendycke; a sound of voices was heard within, and then the door was opened a little. When the widow saw the policemen she gave vent to a feminine expletive, pulled the door hastily to and locked it. The officers were not to be balked of their prey, however, and they entered the dining room, lit the gas, opened another door leading into the chamber, and there they found Warner and the widow *en deshabille*, he hastily trying to get into his pantaloons, she endeavoring to originate a series of spasmodic hysterics. Serg't Gerbing made known his business, read the warrant, and awaited their company. She became very indignant when informed of the object of their visit, declared Mr. Warner to be "her beloved affianced husband," and that they were soon to be married. The sergeant, aware of his duty, insisted upon their going with him, and with tears in their eyes, and chagrin depicted upon their features, they went.

The noise made by the officers in the performance of their duty awakened the boarders, and when the widow and her "beloved affianced" made their appearance they were received with jeers and catcalls by the young men, who hung over the bannisters and filled the stairs, anxious to peep at the man who had won the widow's heart and bed. The couple were escorted to the North Market station, where they passed the evening. In the morning they were conveyed to the armory, where they were kept until Monday the 24th ult., when the examination of the case was entered upon before Justice Milliken. Both defendants were there—the fond Mrs. Groendycke and the loving Mr. Warren. Together in the dock, they were a model of what husband and wife ought to be, both coffee nah-loving and interested in each other's welfare. Mr. Warren's costume need not be mentioned. It differed little from that of his brother men. He has a beard and moustache, but they are of a common-place character. He has a shrewd, business face, and an intelligent-looking face, but is rather stolid and quiet in his manner.

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The Hand Murder Case Near Ogdensburg, New York.

CONVICTION OF THE ALLEGED ASSASSIN, JOHN KENNEDY.

It will be recollected by our readers that the usually quiet community of St. Lawrence county, N. Y., early last February, was thrown into a state of intense excitement upon the discovery in the cellar of his house of the mutilated remains of a respectable citizen named Thomas Hand. Suspicion pointed to one John Kennedy, a discharged soldier, as the perpetrator of the foul deed, the object of which, seemingly, was plunder. He was arrested, was indicted, and last month was tried and convicted in the Court of Oyer and Terminer sitting at Canton, St. Lawrence county, N. Y., and was sentenced to be executed on the 16th of next August.

From the following resume of the able opening statement made by District Attorney, B. F. Vary, Esq., sketching in brief the evidence which he subsequently adduced, the reader will be enabled to gather the exact particulars of this atrocious homicide.

Thomas Hand was an Englishman by birth, partially insane, or rather a monomaniac, being haunted with the fear of being murdered. So much was he annoyed by this that he refused admittance to his neighbors after a night, nor would not even allow a light in his house, fancying a passer-by might shoot him by the light of his own lamp. He was a bachelor, and lived entirely alone, no one that we are aware of, except the prisoner, ever remaining alone with him at his house. The furniture of his house was scanty—a chair, cooking stove and an old bed comprising the whole amount in the main room. A cellar was under his house, the entrance to which in the winter was by a trap door opening directly at the foot of the bed. The body of Hand was found on the 5th day of February last, thrown into the cellar, laying on his back at the bottom, directly under the trap door, perfectly straightened, as though done by a person laying him out, the trap door closed. In two places he was badly injured: one on the head behind the ear, the other on the top, totally crushing in the whole bony fabric. An axe lay on the floor covered with hair, blood, bits of brain and skull. There was on his body, pants, vest, stockings, shirt and a pair of drawers. His coat and boots were off. The blood of the murdered man had flowed in a large pool between the stove and bed, and he had been dragged from it into the cellar through the trap door, and the door closed.

Fix the time of the murder between 6 and 9 o'clock on the evening of Saturday, February 2, from the following circumstances. He was seen by several persons on Saturday, and they are able to identify the day and circumstances under which they saw him. He had several young cattle, which he was accustomed to let out of the barn in the day time, put up at night, feed them and then lock his barn. This known custom, and that the cattle were not seen out, for he seen divested his usual attention, to those, was what first called attention to the fact that he was missing. The cattle were out of the barn Saturday, but when found were in the barn as usual and the barn locked. He had washed potatoes for breakfast, placed them in a basin and put them under the stove. He had placed wood upon the stove to dry, and he ready to kindle easily in the morning. This wood took fire after the murder, and burned nearly to ashes, leaving distinct traces of where it lay. This fact indicates considerable fire in the stove at the time of the murder. That he had not retired for the night, but was about doing so, is further indicated by his vest, pants and stockings being on, and his coat and boots off. There was no blood on the bed. If he had been murdered on the bed it would have been otherwise.

It could not be later than Saturday, as on that day it rained. Late in the evening it changed to hail and snow, and rain, and began freezing sometime in the night. Sunday morning there were some four inches of snow and hail, very wet, with a slight crust on top, and not sufficient to bear a child. It continued freezing through the Sabbath, and Sunday night froze very hard. Whenever a single track was made on or after Sunday, it remained permanent until the thaw, which occurred the day after the discovery of Hand's body. Hand's cattle had not been let out of the barn after the storm, and there were no tracks around the barn, or from the house to the barn made after the storm of Saturday nigh. On Sunday a young man passed the house on the road, and noticed there had been no person out since the storm. Hand was accustomed to shave himself every Sabbath morning. At the time of the murder his beard was long, about a week's growth. The person committing the murder was admitted evidently under the guise of friendship.

The fastenings of the back part of the house were all open, on the inside none of them had been disturbed or broken. The front door had been locked by the murderer, and the key carried away. There were no marks of a scuffle about the house. The upper floor of the house lay upon the barn's, extending from side to side. This floor was hardly high enough for a person (five feet ten inches) Hand's height to stand erect under. A person could not have struck him with an axe upon the head in the manner in which the blows were received while he was standing. The first blow on the side of the head was received as suddenly and unexpectedly as a stroke of lightning. The bedstead was loose and ricketty, and a little struggle would have thrown it down. The cook-stove stood on blocks of wood; a slight struggle would have thrown it over. He is described as intelligent-looking face, but is rather stolid and quiet in his manner.

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The Work of the Gallows.

WM. P. KING AND ABRAM OWENS HUNG AT FRANKLIN, SIMPSON COUNTY, KY.

THEY STRENUOUSLY DENY THEIR GUILT—THE CRIME FOR WHICH THEY SUFFERED—THE LEVITY OF THE PRISONERS—A BRASS BAND HEADS THE PROCESSION TO THE SCAFFOLD—DYING SPEECHES OF THE CONDEMNED, &c., &c.

On Friday, the 28th ult., Captain Wm. P. King and Abram Owens, convicted of the murder of H. King, brother of the first-named culprit, suffered the extreme penalty of the law near Franklin, Simpson county, Ky. This execution was but a portion of the sequel to the daring raid which was made upon a Louisville and Nashville train last November by a gang of manauders, and the trial which was illustrated and described in the NATIONAL POLICE GAZETTE of Nov. 24th, 1866.

THE CRIME AND ITS CAUSE.

At the period above mentioned, crime and robberies were of daily occurrence in that section of the State, and up to the time of this robbery no one of the desperadoes who infested the country had been brought to justice. The civil law was powerless, and the citizens were deterred by fear from making any attempt to arrest and punish the criminals. It is probable that this outrage would have been passed over in silence had not the reward of $10,000, offered by the railroad company, tempted one of the gang to betray his companions and make the same bed with him. A little before Christmas he ceased working for Hand, and went to board with Patrick Kennelly, and lived with him until a few days before the murder. He had shown his familiarity with Hand by visiting his premises, and in his absence from home. He had brazenly boasted of Hand's gun and pistol, fearing Hand might hurt him, in case they had any disturbance.

On Wednesday preceding the murder Kennedy went to Ogdensburgh with the avowed purpose of having Mr. Kline, Charles Smith, Abram Owens, Wesley Finn, Wm. Finn, D. R. Wainscott, Joseph Payne, John Calvert and Robert Hey for the murder of Harvey King. A true bill was also found against the same parties for the train robbery, on which last with a team, preferring to go on foot. He was then dressed in gray pants, round-about knit over-jacket, black Kossuth broad-brimmed hat. Nothing farther was seen of him until the hours of eight or nine o'clock that evening. Mr. Kelly, near eight P. M., on the Cul de Sac road leading to Ogdensburgh met a man going toward Simmon's dressed the same as Kennedy. Kelly bid him good evening; the man passed without replying. A little later Mr. Simmon's attention was called to the fact that a man was looking into his window. Went to the door, saw a man leaving; called to him twice, but he left without responding.

Mr Duwand was about the same time called to his barn by his dog barking fiercely. On going to the barn, he found every thing all right. Waiting a few moments, and partly concealed by the barn, he saw a man, and, passing out, met him face to face, and he instantly recognized the prisoner. He said to the prisoner, "Is that you, John?" "John who?" replied the prisoner. "John Kennedy, who worked for Patrick Kennelly?" He then replied "Yes." He evidently was a stranger that way, having to inquire the road to Ira Poor's, Hand's nearest neighbor. Duwand invited him to stay all night. This he declined, but said he should go back to Hamilton. It was then near nine o'clock. We are unable find his whereabouts, and identify him positively after that time, until Sunday morning between one and two o'clock. On Saturday night about eight in the evening, Mr. Robert Cline came home, and as his wife was at Mr. Beach's, started to go and get her. He met a man corresponding to the prisoner's size, dress, and appearance, walking rapidly. When saluted, he passed without response.

Between 1 and 2 o'clock of the same night the watchman at the depot of the Northern railroad was attracted by the tramp of a person approaching through the station; he went out and met the man; it was the prisoner, and he wanted to go across the river to Canada; he failed to get over, there being no ferry that night, and he was directed to go to the Johnson House. He returned from Canada February 9th, the day after the discovery of the body of Hand, to Ogdensburg, and in the evening went to widow Kennedy's some part of the way from Hamilton to within one-quarter of a mile of where she lived; he got a ride; he then had on two coats; in that quarter of a mile he dispensed with one coat, and when boarding Mrs. Hand, in his life time, had two pairs of flannel drawers made from the same web, after the same pattern, both made by the same lady, and peculiarly sewed and made very strong; one pair of them were on the body, the other pair were missing; he had, also, a black sack coat, plaid lining, which did not fit the coat very well. This was also missing. These two articles were subsequently found and identified. The coat is the one that the prisoner had on when he came from Canada the 9th, in which he traveled from Hamilton to within a quarter of a mile of widow Kennedy's, and which was eventually found by the lad in the snow. The drawers were found in his bed, on the morning of his arrest, at widow Kennedy's.

These are the main or leading features of the case. There are many other facts, which will be elicited, which will have a bearing upon, and I think, with those already stated, will lead you to the conclusion that Kennedy knew of the murder, and Hand had money; that when he returned from Ogdensburg night was Wednesday preceding the murder, he did so with intent to obtain possession of the money before going to Canada; that when he left the widow Kennedy's on the night of the murder, he did so with the same intent, and if necessary to take the life of Hand for that purpose. Or farther: that wickedly he had determined, for the gratification of a wicked and revengeful spirit, to murder the harmless old man; that he determined to have it understood that he left before the crime was committed, and thus attempt to prove an *alibi*; that he so timed his leaving as to arrive at the junction of the East road with the DeKalb road about dark; that he then turned, and following the DeKalb road until he came to the Town Line road, which he mistook for the one leading to Hand's; that by this mistake his discovery was insured; that he then returned to the DeKalb road and arrived at Hand's during the night, where he was received and hospitably entertained; that he knew he was secure from all observation and molestation at that place; that he remained until Saturday evening, when, seizing his opportunity, he dealt the fatal blow upon his unsuspecting victim, dragged him into the cellar, seized his ill-gotton booty and fled.

In the evidence presented for the people, there was a remarkable continuity; indeed, not a link seemed wanting in the chain of testimony fastening the charge upon Kennedy. The defence endeavored to establish an *alibi*, but it made no impression upon the jury, who were not long in finding a verdict of guilty, as charged.

On the ground of informality in the finding, the counsel for Kennedy applied for and obtained a stay of proceedings for sixty days, in order to make up a case for appeal.

Remarkable Murder Case.

A WIFE SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN SHOT BY HER YOUNG HUSBAND.

The Richmond, (Va.,) correspondent of a Baltimore paper, under date of the 23d ult., gives the following summary of the case known as the "Drinker Farm" murder. He says:

The city is very much excited over one of the most remarkable murders which has ever occurred in Virginia. It will be recollected that some time in February last the dead body of a young lady of handsome appearance and neatly dressed, was found on Drinker's farm, near Richmond. There was a bullet hole in the head, the imprint of a hand on the throat, and other evidences of foul play. Somewhat more than a week afterwards it was supposed to be identified as the body of Jennie Grimes, a girl of bad repute. It turned out, however, that Jennie was still living in Norfolk. In the case of two or three others a similar result followed. All hope of identifying the body had been given up, and public opinion had settled down to the conclusion that it was only "one more unfortunate" murdered over the dark river by the hand of some male companion in guilt. Thus matters stood till lately, when the community was startled by another direction given to suspicion by an apparently accidental circumstance, and which led to the arrest of a young man named James Jeter Philips, on the charge that he had murdered his wife, Annie Philips. The respectability of the prisoner's family, his father having been sheriff of Surry county, his unblemished character, and his gallant service as a soldier in the Confederate army, invested with additional interest this mysterious and cruel murder.

Philips was living on a farm near the scene of the murder, with a Mr. Turner. He was not then supposed to be married, and was in fact paying particular attention to a young lady in the neighborhood. A letter was found addressed to him from one claiming to be his wife. This singular circumstance recalled the fact that he had shown unusual nervousness at the time of the discovery of the murder, had declined to attend the inquest, and had afterwards manifested much anxiety and excitement in his inquiries about the crime. Mr. Turner communicated the facts to a newspaper, and the result of a correspondence which that official opened with persons in different portions of the State was a letter from the sheriff of Caroline county, which stated that Philips had married Miss Ann Pitts, of that county, in July, 1865. He left his wife for her home, returning occasionally to see her, and took her away with him on the 15th of February last, saying that he was going to his brother Lewis in Surry county. Since that time his wife has not been seen by her family, nor heard from. They, however, received three letters from him, in one of which he represented his wife as very sick. Upon these developments Philips was arrested, and when told that he was charged with the murder of his wife, became very much agitated, and denied ever having had a wife. An examination of his trunk discovered a number of articles of female attire, some of them of the materials the murdered lady was wearing, and a daguerreotype recognised as that of the lady murdered.

On Tuesday evening last the prisoner was brought up for preliminary examination before Justice Nettles. The County Court room was crowded. He is a young man, apparently about